

NOVEMBER 1933

1st Cheques issued to all Civic employees in full settlement of their October salaries.

Summary of Police report for the month ended October

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| Complaints | - | 102 |
| Constables report | - | 202 |
| Administration | - | 102 |
| Police Court Cases | - | 6 |
| Lights found not burning during month, 12 Arcs and 4 Standards | | |

2nd Trades and Motor Licenses fees collected during October, \$447.50.

Report on school enrolment for month ended October.

| | <u>Boys</u> | <u>Girls</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| High School | 216 | 203 | 419 |
| Queen Mary | 308 | 305 | 613 |
| Ridgeway | 305 | 269 | 574 |
| Elem. In H.S. | <u>44</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>74</u> |
| | 873 | 807 | 1680 |

The Council of Public Instruction ordered that all City Schools be closed today on account of the election of Members to the Legislative Assembly at Victoria.

3rd Audit of all City books (including Ferries) completed up to and including September 30, 1933.

Ferry Receipts for October 1933

| | Passengers | Vehicles | Receipts |
|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 1932 | 241,457 | 47,376 | 23,918.40 |
| 1933 | 231,697 | 45,287 | 23,235.07 |
| Decrease of: | 9,760 | 2,089 | 683.33 |

4th Arrangements made whereby the City appoints its own key man to approach all Civic Employees in connection with subscriptions to the "Community Chest" functioning on behalf of the member organizations of the Vancouver Federation.

6th Notified Principals of the City Schools that accommodation for children seeking admission to the Receiving Class is only to be provided at the beginning of the regular Schools terms February and September.

Gave instructions that The City of North Vancouver the provisions of Section 128 of the "Water Act" be applied, whereby proceedings may be taken for water rates in default, in exactly the same manner as for recovering of unpaid taxes.

7th Filed Teachers' Forms as required under the "Vital Statistics Act" with respect to all children in the City Schools stating name, address and date of birth of each child.

The Council of Public Instruction advises that the Winter Vacation in the City Schools shall extend from Thursday, December 21st to Friday January 5th, 1934 inclusive.

8th At the request of a special committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade furnished information re gross earnings of the Ferries and the present standing of the investment of the North Shore Municipalities in the Second Narrows Bridge.

The following report was submitted covering Direct Relief distributed to the Registered Unemployed for the month ended October 1933.

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| 1551 Municipal Residents | \$8,697.25 |
| 57 Transients | 325.60 |
| 73 Single Men | 679.00 |
| <u>26</u> Single Women | <u>240.00</u> |
| 1707 | \$9,941.85 |

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| Number of individuals given employment | - | 191 |
| Number of Man days work provided | - | 1321 |

9th Attended meeting at Vancouver with further reference to the proposed bridge at the First Narrows off Burrard Inlet.

10th Routine business, Trial of damage action Allan versus C.P.R. and City – Judgment reserved.

11th Remembrance Day – attended Official Ceremony at the Cenotaph – Victoria Park East.

13th Interviewed by persons interested or otherwise in the formation of a Longshoreman's Union on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet.

14th Justice W.A. Macdonald dismissed with costs the suit of Thos A. Allan of Lynn Valley against the City for \$54,710.00 damages for injuries said to have been sustained on May 11, 1932 when the Northgate at the Columbia St. Crossing of the C.P.R. came down upon him.

15th Financial Report of the North Vancouver General Hospital for the month ended October submitted, the statement showed a decrease in current liabilities of \$992.41.

Engineer reported that sometime during the week ended November 11th, the harbour Board had roped off the westerly end of the Low Level Road as was done in 1932. The Solicitor was instructed to protest the action and further examine and report on the agreements, which have never been completed

concerning the dedication of the Low Level Road from St. Patrick's Ave. westerly to Esplanade.

Arising out of the accident to the "Jones" automobile while on the Vancouver Ferry Terminal and owing to contradictory opinions received from Messrs. Griffin, Montgomery, and Smith and Mr. R.I. McDougall, City Solicitor, with respect to the liability of the Union Marine and General Insurance Co., Ltd. under their policy of Insurance, it was agreed to submit for opinion the points in dispute to one of the P. and I. Clubs or associations in London, England.

- 16th Confirmation was given to the Royal Bank of Canada (New York Branch) that payment of all interest coupons up to and including November 30, 1932 was to be continued in Canadian funds only.

The report of the Health Unit Committee for the month ended October showed that three communicable diseases were prevalent in the City. Chicken Pox, Mumps and Scarlet Fever.

Appropriate control measures had been taken. A toxic campaign amongst the School group was featured during the month.

- 17th Amount of contributions received from Civic employees in the 1933 Welfare Drive, \$431.77.

Relating to the proposed \$6,000,000 Bridge across the First Narrows the Commissioner considered:

- (a) A report of the Special Committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade.
- (b) A description of the structure of Monsarrat & Pratley, consulting Engineers.
- (c) Draft of proposed agreement between the City of Vancouver and the First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited.

- 18th In the fog at about 7.10 pm #2 Ferry hit C.N.R. dock, damage being done to the vessel as well as the dock. Captain Sloan in charge.

- 20th Resolved that the Commissioner sit on the 11th day of December 1933 at 10 am as a Court of Revision on the Voter's List for the year 1934.

Mr. C.A. Tubman, Chief Provincial Investigator, discussed the amount of Relief that was being granted to Single persons living at home or with their parents or friends – Mr. Tubman was firmly of the opinion that the gross amount could very well be reduced without imposing unnecessary hardship upon the recipients.

- 21st Mailed documents concerning the proposed Bridge at the First Narrows to all of the interests represented at a meeting held in the Court Room on the afternoon of Thursday, August 17, 1933 at which time the under noted resolution was padded.

Resolved: "That this meeting expresses its approval of construction of such a bridge at the First Narrows and if the City and District Solicitor is satisfied with clauses of the Agreement that it be approved".

At the same time notifying the sponsors of the aforesaid resolutions that subject to approval by the City Solicitor the Commissioner was prepared to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and District of North Vancouver.

22nd DUE ACCOUNTS: Finance, Board of Works, Waterworks, Parks, Health, Fire & Light, Police, Schools, Ferries, and Authorization Warrants were submitted and authorized to be paid in the following amounts:

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| Finance | \$3,675.56 | |
| | <u>1,598.58</u> | \$5,274.14 |
| Board of Works | 3,230.67 | |
| | <u>304.37</u> | 3,535.04 |
| Fire & Light | 2,263.07 | 2,263.07 |
| Waterworks | 466.08 | 466.08 |
| Parks | 814.49 | 814.49 |
| Police | 890.78 | 890.78 |
| Schools | 7,473.96 | 7,473.96 |
| Ferries | 4,275.25 | |
| | 1,726.47 | |
| | <u>8,720.96</u> | 14,722.68 |
| Health | 1,537.80 | |
| | 1,779.10 | |
| | <u>5,950.70</u> | 9,267.60 |
| Authorization | 4,376.55 | |
| | <u>5,906.59</u> | 10,283.14 |

23rd Received and filed Annual Report outlining the activities of the Publicity Bureau of Greater Vancouver.

On advice of the City Solicitor the Commissioner approved the settlement of Knox Walkem's bill at \$18,000.00 for services to the Receiver of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, Mr. Walkem in the settlement agreed to regard as paid two bills he has against the Bridge Company which amount together to slightly in excess of \$2,000.00 and which were rendered prior to the appointment of a Receiver.

24th Letter to the Minister of Labour submitting facts concerning the operation of the City's Fire Department, such action being rendered necessary by the publication of an article in the "Daily Sun" of Wednesday, November 22nd setting forth

complaint made by the Trades and Labour Council that unfair conditions are being imposed on the Fire Brigade.

25th Authorized grant of \$100.00 to the Elk's Christmas Cheer Fund.

27th The Fire Chief submitted monthly reports, showing that the Brigade responded to three fire alarms during September and six in October, with no fire loss.
Ambulances cases in September 7, in October 11.

On behalf of The City and District of North Vancouver and acting upon advice from the Municipal Solicitor, the Commissioner declared he was prepared to sign the agreement with the First Narrows Bridge Company Ltd. which permits, subject to certain conditions, the erection and construction of a Toll Bridge for passenger and traffic purposes over the First Narrows of Burrard Inlet. Adequate time has been allowed for the fullest consideration by all public bodies and individuals interested in a detailed scrutiny of the plans and information and it is noted that no objection has been received to the proposal from any public source on the North Shore.

28th Inspected progress of the work and general conditions obtaining in connection with repairing the broken span at the Second Narrows Bridge. Keeping in mind the early re-opening of the Bridge and the consequent volume of vehicular traffic that will be thrust upon City Streets, the Commissioner inspected two bottlenecks on the through traffic route viz: Forbes Ave., Esplanade to 3rd St. & Keith Road – Bewicke to Fell Avenues with a view to widening them for the better accommodation of vehicular traffic and as a part of unemployed Work Programme for the year 1934.

29th Took up question of casual leave of absence to teachers and substitute service with a view to equalizing the Rules & Regulations between the City and District Schools.

Advised by Solicitor that the appeal pending before the Chief Justice, had been withdrawn, in connection with the taxation of Mr. Walkem's bill of costs and further advised by Burns, Walkem & Thomson that accounts totaling \$2,019.08 held against the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge co. had been written off by them as part of the aforesaid settlement.

30th Summary of Police Report for the month ended November.

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| Complaints from citizens | - | 115 |
| Constables reports | - | 160 |
| Administration items | - | 98 |
| Police Court Cases | - | 9 |

Lights found not burning during the month. Standards 3, Circuits 3

CHARLES E. TISDALL

COMMISSIONER

December 4, 1933.